

## Guide-By-Your-Side Program

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## Quotes from parents

The Guide-By-Your-Side service was  
created to support families with newly  
identified infants and children with  
hearing loss.

*"When we first heard of her diagnosis we  
were devastated."*

*"When he was diagnosed we wanted to get  
as much information as possible. We wanted  
to meet other children that had been  
diagnosed and find out about their stories."*

*"I cried for a while, dried my tears and said  
what do we do now..."*

**The Guide-By-Your-Side service can help  
families to connect to resources.**

*"Who would have thought what a wonderful  
world was awaiting me?"*

**The Guide-By-Your-Side service can help  
families celebrate their child's full potential.**

*"We are thankful for having such a beautiful  
child and many new experiences. He has  
enriched our lives."*

*"Our daughter has affected our lives in many  
positive ways."*

## How can my family sign up for the Guide-By-Your-Side Program?

Choose from the following options:

Tell your child's audiologist  
that you would like to meet  
with a Parent Guide. There  
you will sign forms that will allow  
your information to be shared  
with the Guide-By-Your-Side  
Program. Your child's  
audiologist will contact  
the Guide-By-Your-Side  
Program.

Call (517) 335-8955  
and ask for a Guide referral.

Mail in the attached  
form in a stamped envelope  
to the address on the back.

## Guide-By-Your-Side Program

**My family would like to  
meet with a guide.**

**Name:**

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**Address:**

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**Telephone number:**

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**County/school district:**

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**Best time to be  
contacted:**

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**Age of child:**

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**Other diagnoses to be  
considered:**

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**Signature:**

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## Mail to:

MDCH/EHDI/GBYS  
C/O Parent Consultant  
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*A program  
for families  
with infants &  
young children  
who are deaf  
or  
hard of hearing*

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of Community Health  
**MDCH**  
Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor  
Janet Olszewski, Director



## What is the Guide-By-Your-Side Program?

This program can help you:

- Meet another parent who also has a deaf or hard of hearing child
- Answer questions
- Share information and resources
- Connect you with organizations that might be able to help:
  - *Early On*®
  - Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)
  - Intermediate School Districts

## Who are the Parent Guides?

Parent Guides:

- Have children of various ages who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Have been trained to provide support and information
- Will keep all information about your child and family private

## What happens after I have signed up for a Parent Guide?

- First, a local Parent Guide will call you.
- Second, a Parent Guide will meet with your family to provide information.